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## ONE VICTORY AFTER ANOTHER.

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### **The Pacific College Debating Team Wins the State League Championship.**

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The final debate for the championship of the state league was held in the college chapel Friday, April 12, between Albany and Pacific Colleges, the Quakers winning the decision.

The question was "Resolved, that the railroads of the United States should be owned and operated by the national government." Being a very popular and timely question and one that attracted interest, and the teams being evenly matched, the question was debated in a most lively and enthusiastic manner.

Albany was represented by Everet L. Jones, G. T. Birchett and W. H. Steele, while the supporters of the home institution were C. M. Brown, P. V. Maris and R. W. Rees. The members of both teams had debated and won on the same question this year and were prepared thoroughly on the subject.

After an instrumental solo by Mrs. Wilson, Maris opened the debate by stating the line of argument he intended to pursue, naming the several heads of the question. He maintained that the railroads are public highways and that under the present conditions the roads are not operating for public good and stating authentic figures, showed a large amount of waste yearly incurred because of the expense of operating parallel and unnecessary lines of traffic which are car-



ried on at an expense of millions of dollars per annum. He held that railroads are a public function and that they should then be under government control and operation.

Albany's first speaker, Jones, announced his plan of campaign was to prove government ownership an unwise plan, had failed in practical test wherever applied in governments under conditions corresponding to our own, that it was conducive to a greater political graft and wire pulling than before known on account of the increased million of men in government service, that the service and conditions of American roads were eminently satisfactory, and the action of government control is unnecessary, contrary to the principles of Americans and tending toward socialism. Of the visiting team he was the star, possessing the best stage presence, the readiest flow of words and proved himself the clearest and most logical debater. In outlining their side of the question Albany cleverly discussed only the main points of the negative, giving their time to the endeavor to clearly and firmly establish these and give time in each debater's speech to rebuttal and not waiting for the final rebuttal to attack the points made by the affirmative.

Brown, of the Quakers, followed, stating rates and taxes were a tax levied on the people by the railroads and cited the supreme court decisions as authority. He claimed the power to tax was a power that should only be entrusted to the government and the function in private hands was a dangerous power. He contrasted the motive of private and government ownership, showing the interests of private companies was only for those connected with the company while under government supervision the fares and rates would not be

what the people would bear but what was necessary for the operation of the roads. With reliable authority he proved the trusts were the products of discrimination and stated that government ownership would destroy the trusts and that private ownership caused the practice of over capitalization to conceal the real profits.

Birchett argued against government ownership on the grounds that the government must buy the roads and the cost of the purchase would make a debt that it would take generations to pay off and showed by figures that the income of the railroads would not be sufficient to pay off the debt. He held that the roads becoming public property could not be taxed and this would make an increase in the state and county taxes. He showed government operation to be extravagant and that systems under government ownership developed slowly and exhibit general lack of efficiency.

Rees took up the affirmative line of argument and stated that government ownership had been tried in foreign countries and proven successful and therefore could not be called an experiment. He argued that private ownership induces graft while under the proposed system there was no discrimination or graft and made counter statements to the effect that the government is not retarded by red tape or slow development in railroad operation but sets the pace in advancement and that government ownership is a practicable success wherever tried.

Steele took up the case for the negative and stated government ownership to be unsuccessful where tried and tends toward socialism besides being supported by principles that were Un-American. Government ownership to be a success must be in a country united by a strong military government.

Jones followed with the negative rebuttal. He made the mistake of conceding several points to the affirmative and then stated they had failed to produce argument to show government ownership to be either a wise plan or a practical possibility. He summed up the negative argument in a few sentences. At this time Albany was ahead in points and the debate was hotly contested.

Then followed the man on whom all the Quakers' hopes were centered. It was evident if Pacific could win, the final rebuttal must do it. Brown summed up his argument, and quoting one authority after another, battered down Albany's stonewall defense and turned the tide toward the home team. He replied to Albany's challenges and showed the railroads would monopolize in public or private hands and to stop the evils of the present system it was necessary for the government to control the system. He showed the affirmative had established their line of argument while the negative had failed in proving the principles they had set out to establish.

During the few minutes of waiting, E. A. Newby furnished a vocal solo, after which followed the decision—one judge, that the negative in the hands of Albany, had put up the best argument and two for the affirmative upheld by Pacific. After the customary rejoicing on the platform where the victorious team was borne aloft on the shoulders of its friends and students, there followed an informal reception to both teams.

The judges were Attorneys A. King Wilson and Hosford of Portland and Attorney Ragsdale of Moro. Mayor Edwards of Newberg was chairman of the evening.

Debate victories bring joy to all loyal students, but



the result of this debate brought more than the usual share of rejoicing, for it not only gives the second inter-collegiate debate to us this year but brings with it the championship of the league and gives unusual honor of both oratorical and debate championships in the same year.

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### A Bashful Man's Story.

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The trials of a bashful man  
Are not so very small,  
And oft would make him if he could  
Straight through a knot hole crawl.  
There's much to vex one in this world,  
But I think the worst in life  
Is to boldly ask a charming girl  
If she will be your wife.

I love a bonny merry lass  
But dare not tell her so.  
I long to ask her for my wife  
But fear she will say no.  
The other night I called on her  
And stayed 'till after nine;  
I had learned a tender verse by heart  
But could not speak a line.

I would have said, "My darling girl  
My heart is thine alone."  
But out it came—"My dar—n that boot,  
It almost makes me groan!"  
She laughed and I felt like a fool,  
But thought I'd try again,  
And said: "My dar—ky Jim has built  
A rousing new pig pen!"

Again she laughed, but I felt worse  
And said 'twas time to go.  
She smiled a most angelic smile  
And said, "Don't hurry so."

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Then for a moment I felt brave,  
 And sat down by her side.  
 Sure I had gained the courage true,  
 To ask her for my bride.

Yes, now I'd left the veil of fate—  
 Her answer I would gain.  
 Said I, "My dar—nt I must go,  
 I think I'll start for Spain!"  
 And then I bolted for the door,  
 Without a fond good night,  
 As though the fiend was after me  
 With all his arts to fight.

How vain, alas! are human plans.  
 My love I cannot prove—  
 To speak the word of tenderness  
 My lips refuse to move.  
 And what can a poor chap do  
 To end this dreadful strife?

—R. D. K. '10.

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 As Seen by Moonlight.
 

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As I stood by my window one night looking out, I could just see the moon peeping over the hills in the east. It was a very clear night and the stars were shining but yet I could see nothing distinctly only great masses of shadows where I knew there were trees or groups of buildings.

Very slowly the moon mounted higher, and as it came the shadows seemed to take more definite shape and shrink away from the open fields. As the great queen of the night arose and shed her silvery beams across the landscape, its simple beauty struck me as never before. Many times I had looked upon the fields of grain, the orchards and fir groves, and the wooded hills beyond, and thought of it as a very pretty scene; but never before had it appeared so beautiful to me as it did on that quiet summer night.

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Our representatives have won championship honors in both the oratorical and debating leagues this year. The third platform contest was held in Dallas, being the prohibition league, where Pacific had no representative. The prohibition work in this institution is carried on by a small society of young men and does not carry the interest and enthusiastic support of the student body. For several years there has been no local contest and the society elected their orator. They decided wisely in not following the same plan this year for when the institution refuses to support their representatives, it is time for the work to be dropped.

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When Cecil Rhodes announced his decision in sending college students to Oxford and providing a fund for

their expenses it was the opinion that the judges would be taxed to consider all the applications. A short time ago the examinations were held in Oregon and only two students presented themselves to contest for the honor. It seems the general idea that a young man can secure an education in his own country more fitting for life work than by accepting Mr. Rhodes' generosity and going abroad.

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There is no branch of college athletics which merits the support of the students as does track athletics. For no form of athletics is more profitable as physical training, or demands cleaner or more regular habits. Surely nothing is more enjoyable and invigorating during these balmy spring days than half an hour's hard training daily. There is too much of a tendency among the students to leave spring athletics to those who are more experienced and are likely to secure a place on the team. This should not be, for securing a place on the team is not the only incentive to track work. Men are needed from time to time to take the place of those who leave school, and especially is this true this year, for several of our most efficient track athletes graduate in June. Almost every boy in school should and could, take up track work. It is true you are busy, but remember that our very best athletes are our best students and are carrying as much or more work than yourself, and doing it successfully.

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#### **Locals.**

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Pres. McGrew presented the library with a very useful set of books, the Ridpath's Library of Universal Literature.

Prof. W. C. Woodward has again taken up college duties.

Mrs. Douglas in Ethics—We never find our ideals, do we? Mrs. York—Yes, I have found mine.

Mr. Gill, the National Prohibition Secretary, spoke in college chapel April 29th.

The Misses Lucy and Ola Mills, Beula Spaulding, and Lena Spangle attended the Y. W. C. A. convention held at Corvallis April 12, 13 and 14.

Paul V. Maris spent Sunday, April 20, at his home in Portland.

April 17th the student body and faculty met at the depot to bid farewell to Pres. McGrew and family. Each student felt a deep regret at his departure, and while he will no longer be connected with us in college work, we know he will always have a place in the memory of the students of Pacific College.

Several members of the student body have been coaxing their cranial covering down to their upper lip. Interest in the endeavor was kept up by a wager.

The campus has received its annual tilling. The effort to secure a lawn seems to be fruitless.

Misses Nellie and Bessie Adams were visitors at chapel May 2nd.

Brown, Kenworthy and Hadlock, while engaged in fishing, fell into the creek. They report the water too cold for swimming.

Mr. E. H. Woodward has been busily engaged in raising an endowment fund for the college. He has succeeded in raising twelve thousand dollars and hopes to add to this.

Mrs. Lucy Newby and Miss Nora Parker were pres-

ent at chapel April 25th, the former favoring us with special music.

Miss McCrea, a former student of the college, gave a reading at chapel recently which was very much appreciated by the students.

On the Tuesday following the Albany debate a bonfire was built on the campus. Prof. Jones made a short address after which speeches were called for from the members of the debating team.

The Agoreton entertained the Helianthus April 26 on the opposite bank of the Willamette river. Appropriate refreshments were served after which a merry group around a rousing camp fire chatted and sang as the spirit prompted during the evening. The girls are agreed no other plan for their amusement could have been so thoroughly enjoyed.

Alice is original, especially in her ideas of gentlemen. She likes boys who are afraid of snakes.

Miss Elma Paulsen visited the college April 26th.

The business manager would appreciate a visit from some of the subscribers. He requests that the visit be accompanied by a fifty cent smile.

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### Exchanges.

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The High School Spectator is a spicy little paper just starting out in life, and is to be congratulated upon the good showing already made.

Oak Leaves, in quality and arrangement of material, is of the highest order. Its general appearance might be slightly improved if the name was placed evenly in the center at the top of the pages.



We are delighted with the characteristic originality of the Chemawa American and would like to see more of the same order, but would also like it better if the pages were bound into the cover.

The M. H. Aerolith makes a valuable addition to the table and no student who is looking for ideas and education should fail to read it.

The reading matter and artistic arrangement of the Collegian, of Waynesburg, Pa., is especially admirable. You will not regret looking over it.

The April issue of the McMinnville Review is featured by strong editorials.

Chenoweth, she knoweth not. He knoweth as well as she. Though she knoweth not Chenoweth, I'm glad she knoweth me.

Pins: If I could imitate a fool I would show you how thimbles acted at the play.

Needles: Just pass the difficulty by retaining your natural manner.

The Fresman sighed the sight to see, all maids his verdure pass. Could I a four leaf clover be, instead of common grass.

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### Track Meet.

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The students who accepted the invitation of McMinnville College to attend the exercises and field meet at McMinnville on May day certainly enjoyed the fun and returned home satisfied in more ways than one. The Baptist brethren proved themselves the most generous of hosts, for after entertaining us in the morning they allowed us to carry off the field meet in the afternoon with just enough competition to make it interest-

ing and then gave us a royal reception in the evening.

The day was almost an ideal one for a meet and in spite of the heavy track good time was made in most of the runs. Mac. was strong in the sprints but weak in the jumps and distances. The final score gave P. C. eight firsts with a total of 67 against 58 for McMinnville.

Following is the order of events and winners.

Half mile—Macy, P. C., Hodson, P. C., Rice, Mc., time 2:13 4-5.

50-yd. dash—Roberts, Mc., Williams, Mc., E. Kenworthy, P. C., time 0:05 4-5 sec.

Pole vault—Hodson, P. C., Wilson, P. C., Roberts Mc., height 9 ft.

120-yd. hurdles—Hoskins, P. C., Galloway, Mc., time 0:09 sec.

100-yd. dash—Roberts, Mc., Williams, Mc., E. Kenworthy, P. C., time, 0:10 2-5.

440-yd. dash—Hodson, P. C., first, Hollingsworth, P. C. and Pink, Mc., tied for second, time 0:57.

Hammer throw—Haworth, P. C., Owens, Mc., Macy, P. C., 75 feet 5 inches.

High Jump—Hoskins, P. C., first, Galloway and Anderson, Mc., tied for second.

220-yd. dash—Williams, Mc, Roberts, Mc., E. Kenworthy, P. C., time 0:24 2-5.

Mile run—Macy, P. C., Richardson, Mc., Haworth, P. C., time 5:01.

Broad jump—D. Kenworthy P. C. Williams, Mc., 19 feet 3 in.

220-yd. hurdles—Roberts, Mc., Wilson, P. C. Pink, Mc., time 0:29.

Shot put—Owens, Mc., Hodson, P. C., Haworth, P. C., 33 feet 6 1-2. in.

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